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# Bulova Byline

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It never gets boring. With the official start of summer just a few weeks away there is no sign of anything like a summer slowdown in Fairfax County. See inside this Byline for the latest as the Beltway HOT Lanes Project approaches completion. A special EZ-Pass will allow you to ride for free in these Express Lanes if you are driving with at least two passengers. An extension of this project, a State Public-Private Partnership with Transurban-Fluor, will begin this summer to construct HOT Lanes on I-95 from Edsall Road in Fairfax County to Stafford.



A number of Open Houses and Community Forums have provided neighbors of Tysons Corner with the opportunity to view development and transportation plans for the Transformation of Tysons into a vibrant, mixed use, transit-oriented community. The Planning Commission's Tysons Committee will be coming before the Board of Supervisors shortly with a strategy for funding transportation projects both within and outside the Tysons area.



Additional revitalization projects through the County are also taking shape – all the way from the redevelopment of the University Shopping Center in Fairfax to the mixed use redevelopment of the old Springfield Mall in the Lee District. Redevelopment will be our future, as our aging commercial and retail areas are improved and/or replaced by modern development.

I hope you will join me this month for my exciting series the ***Evolution of Fairfax***, which will provide attendees with a look back and a look forward as Fairfax County continues to accommodate growth in population and industry.

Lastly, at our Board Meeting this Tuesday, we took time to thank Fort Belvoir Commander Colonel John Strycula and Colonel Mark Moffat for their collaboration and partnership in adopting transportation and infrastructure improvements to accommodate the influx of personnel resulting from BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure).

Under these individuals (and Colonel Strycula's predecessor Colonel Blixt) the partnership between Fort Belvoir and Fairfax County has deepened and grown. It has allowed us to address challenges that first appeared impossible.

Colonel Strycula has received orders for Afghanistan and will be leaving us. We will miss him and wish him and his family well. We also wish Colonel Moffat the best of luck in his retirement.

Sincerely,

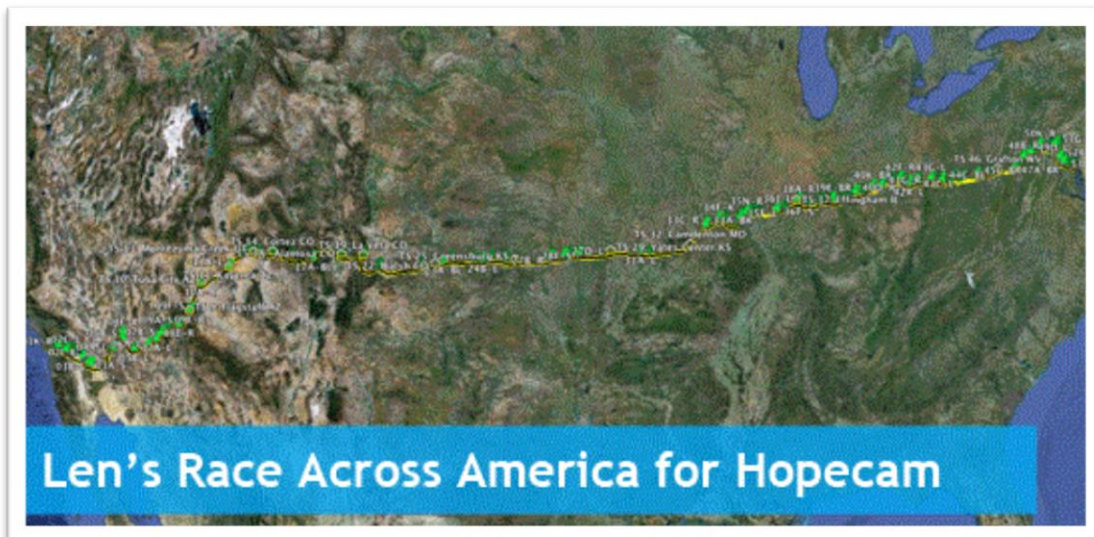


Sharon Bulova – Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

## Fairfax County Resident to Ride in Race Across America

Last week, the Board of Supervisors recognized Len Forkas for his upcoming participation in Race Across America, the world's toughest bike race (3,000 miles in 12 days!). Several Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel will be accompanying Len on his ride starting on June 13, which is raising funds for his non-profit Hopecam that connects homebound children with their friends at school via webcam.

Len will be live blogging his race at <http://lensraceforhopecam.tumblr.com/>. You can follow Len's progress and learn more about the race and Hopecam here: <http://www.hopecam.org/race-for-hope/>



## Agenda Released for *Evolution of Fairfax Series*

I hope you will be able to join me on Wednesday, June 13, 20 and 27 for a look back and a look ahead at Fairfax County – where we were, where we are, and where we will be. The series will take place from **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at

**George Mason University, Mason Inn and Conference Center  
4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030**

This series is co-hosted by  
**The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce**  
and  
**The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations**

A detailed agenda for this three part series can be found at  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/evolution.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/evolution.htm).

RSVP at 703 324 2321 or  
[chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### **The Past, June 13**

Moderated by **Jim Zook**, Former Director of Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning

Featuring

Former Fairfax County Executive **Jay Lambert**

Founder of Reston **Robert Simon**

Former Springfield District Supervisor **Marie Travesky**

### **The Present, June 20**

Moderated by **Pete Murphy**, Chairman, Fairfax County Planning Commission

Featuring

Director of Fairfax County Office of Revitalization **Barbara Byron**

Chairman, Planning Commission Tyson's Committee **Walter Alcorn**

Executive Director, Tysons Partnership **Michael Caplin**

### **The Future, June 27**

**Doug Carter**, Davis Carter Scott

**Roger Frechette**, President of PositivEnergy Practice

**Rick Smyre**, President of the Center for Communities of the Future

and concluding with

Small Group Discussions



## Voters to Decide On Bond Referenda in November

On November 6, Fairfax County voters will decide whether to approve three bond referenda, totaling \$155 million, to provide funding for improvements and renovations to our County's **parks and park facilities, public safety facilities, and libraries.**

The **Parks and Parks Facilities bond referendum**, at a total of \$75 million, would allocate \$63 million in funding needed over the next 10 years for acquisition of park property and to renovate aging park facilities and infrastructure. Twelve-million-dollars would support Fairfax County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's capital budget for an additional four years.

The **Public Safety bonds**, at a total of \$55 million, would include \$35 million to renovate the Bailey's Crossroads, Jefferson, and Herndon fire stations, all three of which are aging facilities that need replacement of major building subsystems. In addition, \$20 million in bond funding would be used to renovate 22

courtrooms at the Jennings Judicial Center, in order to enhance their efficiency and keep these courtrooms operational.

The **Libraries bonds**, totaling \$25 million, would be used to renovate the Pohick Regional Library, John Marshall Community Library, Tysons Pimmit Regional Library, and Reston Regional Library. These four buildings, built between 1974 and 1986, are in need of renovation in order to prolong the life of the buildings and continue to meet the needs of our community.

**In October, the County will deliver an informational pamphlet on the three bond referenda** to all Fairfax County households. This pamphlet will describe the intended use of the bond funds and offer information on bond financing, the cost of borrowing, and other financial information. In addition, both English and non-English language versions of the pamphlet will be posted on our County website and distributed at County facilities.

## Leadership Fairfax Announces New 'Lifetime Leadership Program'

County residents interested in getting more involved in the community should take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Participants in Lifetime Leadership (LLP), Leadership Fairfax's new program for retirees, will enjoy new social and community connections while learning more about Fairfax County and how they can make a difference in the community.

The five program days are spread over a 2 ½ month period, beginning Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Applications are available online at [www.LeadershipFairfax.org](http://www.LeadershipFairfax.org) and can also be requested by calling 703-752-7504.

Information sessions will be held June 14 at 11 am at TEQCorner in McLean, and August 1 at 11 am at Leadership Fairfax in Vienna. For more information or to RSVP, call Moniek at 703-752-7504 or email [moniek@leadershipfairfax.org](mailto:moniek@leadershipfairfax.org).





## 2012 Elections: Primaries and Satellite Voting

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that several primary elections to select candidates for federal office will be held Tuesday, June 12th, at regular polling locations.

Voters in the **8th, 10th, and 11th Congressional Districts** may vote in the Republican Party Primary for U.S. Senate. Voters in the **11th Congressional District** may also vote in the Republican Party Primary for Member of the House of Representatives. Voters in the **8th Congressional District** may vote in the Democrat Party Primary for Member of the House of Representatives.

Citizens who would like to vote in these primary elections but are unable to vote at the polls on June 12th may vote in person at:

**Office of Elections**

**12000 Government Center Parkway**

**Suite 323**

**Fairfax, 22035**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., and Saturday 9th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To see sample ballots and a list of candidates:

[fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm).

Satellite absentee voting will be available for the General Election this fall beginning Wednesday, October 17th and ending on Saturday, November 3rd. All satellite sites will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. week days and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the three Saturdays preceding Election Day (October 20, October 27 and November 3). Please note that two locations have changed due to renovations: Dolley Madison Library in McLean will replace the McLean Governmental Center; the North County Human Services Building in Reston, will replace the North County Governmental Center. The Franconia Governmental Center in Alexandria, the Mason Governmental Center in Annandale, the Mount Vernon Governmental Center in Alexandria, the West Springfield Governmental Center in Springfield, and the Sully District Governmental Center in Chantilly will all continue to host satellite voting for this election cycle.

Please contact the Office of Elections at 703-324-4735 or [elect@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elect@fairfaxcounty.gov) if you have questions about primary elections, satellite voting or other issues related to upcoming elections.

## Celebrate Summer Block Party at the Workhouse

Collect your friends, neighbors and family members and gather on the Quad at the Workhouse Arts Center on June 23 for their **Celebrate Summer Block Party!** There will be music, games, a community resource tent, food from some of Lorton's finest restaurants and, of course, art.

You will want to bring your lawn chairs and blankets and plan to stay for the Mount Vernon Nights concert on the Quad beginning at 7pm featuring Ruthie & The Wranglers and their roots/rock sounds.



## Public Meetings Scheduled for CSB Process

You have probably read in the news that Fairfax County's board in charge of connecting our neediest residents to critical services is facing a projected shortfall of \$9.4 million by June 30, 2013, unless steps are taken to either reduce costs or increase revenues. CSB Executive Director George Braunstein presented the Budget Management Plan at the May 8 meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Human Services Committee. **That plan is a "worst case" scenario.** Here are some answers to some questions my office has received.

### What is the CSB?

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board is the public agency funded by the State and County that plans, organizes and provides services for people in our community who have mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The CSB also provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers who have developmental delays. In most of the Commonwealth the CSB is funded primarily through state funding. In Fairfax County a larger share of funding comes from the County. Funding also comes through the CSB from a number of Federal programs.

### Why is there a projected shortfall?

The CSB is facing rising costs to provide services, increasing demand for services, and a decline in revenue and reimbursement from state and federal sources.

### Are services being cut now?

The options advertised by the CSB and presented to the Board of Supervisors is a worst case scenario and does not represent a final course of action.

### What steps are being taken to close the projected gap?

Currently, the Human Services Council and the CSB are conducting a review and public engagement process to identify strategies for closing the shortfall. See below for a number of opportunities residents have to participate in this process.

When the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 2013 Budget we included a \$4.2 million reserve to assist with closing the shortfall and mitigating negative impacts on CSB clients. We have also directed that both internal and external expertise be deployed to assist.

Submit written comments:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairfaxfallschurchCSBplan>

**Families and consumers: Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7 p.m.** in rooms 230 A and B, 2nd floor Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. **Video conference participation is available** at the following human services locations: 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria; 6245 Leesburg Pike Falls Church; 11484 Washington Plaza West, Reston. In addition, participants **may call in with questions at this meeting**, to 703 324-2001.

**Organizations: Monday June 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.** in conference center rooms 9 and 10, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA

To sign up in advance to speak at these community meetings, or to request ADA accommodations and to submit written comments, please contact Dwight Curtis at [Dwight.Curtis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Dwight.Curtis@fairfaxcounty.gov), 703 324-5630, TTY 711. At each meeting, due to the anticipated number of speakers, speakers will be limited to three minutes.

## Public Hearing Set for June 13 Environmental Assessment for Dulles Rail

With Phase 1 of Dulles Rail passing the 70 percent completion mark, and set to open next summer, I thought you may want to know about this important meeting for Phase 2 happening on June 13.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will hold a joint public hearing on the Preliminary Engineering Design Refinements Environmental Assessment (EA) for Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project on **Wednesday, June 13 at Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon, VA 20170.**

**An open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will begin with a presentation at 7 p.m.**

Phase 2 of the Dulles Rail Project runs from Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston westward to Dulles Airport and to Route 772 in Ashburn.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide individuals and agencies an opportunity to comment on the proposed design refinements to the project and the resulting changes in potential environmental and cultural resources effects. This includes the relocation of the Dulles Airport Metrorail Station to an above ground location. Individuals wishing to speak do not need to register in advance for the public hearing.

Herndon High School is accessible via public transportation using Fairfax Connector bus routes 980 and 924 and Reston Bus 5. The location of the hearing is wheelchair accessible. Individuals who may need special assistance to participate in the public hearing should call 703-572-0500.

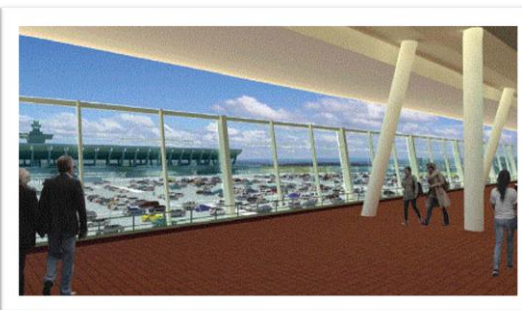
The EA documents are available in the Phase 2 section of the project website ([www.dullesmetro.com](http://www.dullesmetro.com)), at local libraries and at the project office in Vienna.

Print or electronic statements may be submitted for the record until 5 p.m. on June 25, 2012 to Karl Rohrer, Deputy Project Director-Phase 2, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 1593 Spring Hill Road, Suite 300, Vienna Va. 22182-2228; electronic statements may be sent to [eacommments@dullesmetro.com](mailto:eacommments@dullesmetro.com).

All comments must include the name, address, telephone number, and any organization affiliation.

For more information about the hearing, please visit [www.dullesmetro.com](http://www.dullesmetro.com) or call 703-572-0500.

For construction-related emergencies including noise, please use the project HOTLINE at 877-585-6789. For further information about the project, please visit our project website at [www.dullesmetro.com](http://www.dullesmetro.com) or call 703-572-0506.



*Artist renderings of the Dulles Airport station*

## Civil War Events, Commemorations Happening in June

We've got another exciting month of Civil War events coming up. Here are just a couple I want to highlight:

### Rangers, Raiders and Spies

June 19, 7pm  
Green Spring Gardens  
4603 Green Spring Road  
Alexandria, VA  
Phone: (703) 642-5173  
Admission: \$12

[Click here for a complete list of events happening in and around Fairfax County](#)

*Hear fascinating stories of Civil War spycraft and the men and women who served as agents for the Blue and the Gray. Green Spring historian Debbie Waugh will introduce you to two important Civil War spies with close connections to Green Spring, whose undercover exploits changed the course of the war. Light refreshments served.*

### Movies on the Green – Gone With the Wind

June 16, 7:45pm  
Vienna Town Green  
144 Maple Avenue, E, Vienna, VA  
(703) 255-6360  
Admission: Free

*The movie on June 16 will be Gone With The Wind (Movie is Rated G). Movie introduction and remarks by local historians: Learn about Vienna's history during the Civil War and enjoy a movie under the stars! Free admission. Free popcorn. Drinks for sale by Historic Vienna, Inc. Bring a blanket or chair. No alcohol permitted. Weather Permitting. Call (703) 255-7842 for weather information. Presented by Historic Vienna, Inc., the Town of Vienna and the Vienna Sesquicentennial Committee.*

## Government Center Hosts Moving Naturalization Ceremony

I had the privilege of hosting a naturalization ceremony at the Government Center last month. These are always very special events. Below are excerpts from my remarks:

“There are many events that occur in a persons’ life that divide their life into two distinct periods: what happened before, and what happened after. For most of you here today this is one of those events.

Before today, you were a citizen of your home country. After today, you are an American. You have endured hardships, dedicated your time, money and effort, and made many sacrifices to become citizens. Many of you came here to escape war or endless poverty. Many of you came here to take advantage of the opportunities that America can provide. Many came to be with your family here, or to support your family back home.

In Fairfax County, we celebrate our diversity. I am proud to see the growing number of small businesses being opened by immigrants. These businesses span many industry sectors and add to the vibrant business community we have.

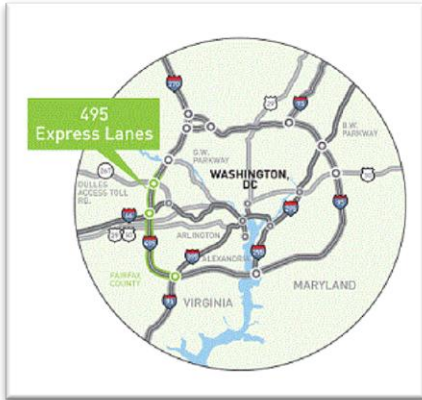
I am proud that you all have chosen to become American citizens. Together, we can make a wonderful, welcoming community that makes us all proud to be Americans.”





## 495 Express Lanes Set to Open End of 2012

Construction on the Capital Beltway has been unavoidable in the last few years for drivers and residents in Fairfax County. But relief is coming! The **495 Express Lanes** are scheduled to open at the end of 2012. The 495 Express Lanes will be easy to use, but drivers need to take steps before the lanes open to make sure they're ready to take advantage of the faster, more predictable trip on the Beltway.



The 495 Express Lanes, formerly the HOT Lanes, run down the center of I-495 in Fairfax County beginning at the Springfield Interchange and ending just north of the Dulles Toll Road. There will be two high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in each direction. **Those with three or more in their vehicle**, driving a motorcycle or riding a bus can travel for free in the lanes. **Drivers traveling alone** or with one other person can pay a toll to access the lanes.

**Tolls for the Express Lanes will be dynamic**, meaning they will change periodically based on real-time traffic conditions to keep the lanes free flowing. Toll rates will be displayed on electronic message signs in

advance of each entrance to the Express Lanes and drivers will have ample time to decide whether to take the Express Lanes or use the regular Beltway lanes.



*Westpark Drive Bridge ribbon cutting*

There will be several opportunities to access the Express Lanes. Drivers already traveling on the Beltway can enter just north of the Dulles Toll Road to head south or just south of Braddock Road to head north. There are also several entry and exit points to and from other highways and major side routes such as Route 267, I-66, and new access points at Route 29, Westpark Drive and Jones Branch Drive.

Everyone needs an E-ZPass® to use the 495 Express Lanes, except motorcyclists. There will be no option to pay cash. Both the standard E-ZPass and the new E-ZPass® FlexSM (available July 2012) can be used to pay tolls on the Express Lanes. There will unfortunately be a \$1 monthly fee, a fee that the Board of Supervisors is on record opposing.

The E-ZPass Flex allows drivers to select toll-paying or HOV mode by sliding a switch on the bottom of the device. The Flex can be used to pay tolls on any facility that accepts E-ZPass, regardless of the position of the switch. Carpoolers who want to travel for free on the Express Lanes need three passengers and an E-ZPass Flex set to HOV-mode before they enter the lanes.

Toll-paying drivers can use a regular E-ZPass or the new E-ZPass Flex set to toll-paying mode to pay their toll electronically at highway speed. Visit [www.ezpassva.com](http://www.ezpassva.com) to get an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex today. For more information about the 495 Express Lanes, visit [www.495ExpressLanes.com](http://www.495ExpressLanes.com).

